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## **News Release**

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## **Independent Police Auditor Selects Advisory Committee**

SAN JOSÉ – San Jose's Independent Police Auditor (IPA), Judge LaDoris Cordell (Ret.), has selected 22 individuals to serve on the IPA Advisory Committee (IPAAC). The Judge began her term as San Jose's IPA on May 17, 2010 and opened the IPAAC application process the following month. The purpose of the IPAAC is to promote community awareness of the services offered by the IPA office and to inform the IPA office about police-related issues and concerns that arise in San Jose.

The new members are: Elisa M. Alvarado, Mauricio Astacio, Robert Bailey, Joshua Barousse, Mydzung Bui, Norma Callender, Mark E. Correia, B.J. Fadem, Nancy S. Freeman, Erick Gibson, Kenneth Kelly, Telina Martinez, Delorme McKee-Stovall, Hilbert Morales, Panteha Saban, Merylee Shelton, Wiggsy Sivertsen, Alofa Taliva'a, Herman M. Vasquez, Otis Watson, Jorge Wong, and Linda Young Colar. Their first meeting with the IPA and staff will be convened in October.

The 22 members were selected from a diverse pool of 43 total applicants. Of the 22, nine have previously served on the IPAAC.

The mission of the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) is four-fold: (1) to provide independent oversight of and instill confidence in the complaint process through objective review of police misconduct investigations; (2) to conduct outreach to the San Jose community; (3) to propose thoughtful policy recommendations to the City Council; and (4) to strengthen the relationship between the San Jose Police Department and the community it serves. Complaints of police misconduct can be filed with the IPA in person or by phone, fax, mail, or email. The IPA Office can be reached by phone at (408) 794-6226.